

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the examiner's indication that claims 10 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form and that claims 30 and 31 are allowed.

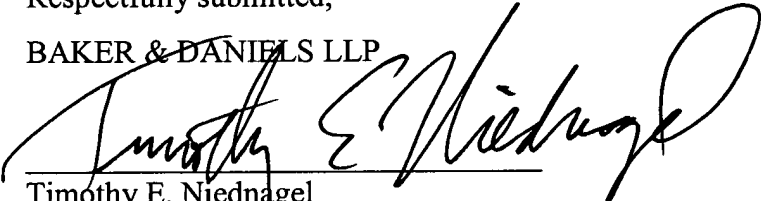
Claims 1, 7-10, 17, and 21-24 have now been canceled. Claims 2-6, 11, 12 and 27-29 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 30. Claims 18-20 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 31. Independent claims 13 and 25 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable claims 10 and 24. Accordingly, Applicant submits that independent claims 13 and 25, as amended, are now also in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicant submits that pending claims 2-6, 11-16, 18-20, and 25-31 are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

In the event that the examiner has questions related to this Amendment, or to the application in the general, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to address those questions in a telephone interview to expedite the prosecution of this application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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